

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2007-254
December 4, 2007

SUBJECT: Re-Establishment – District of Columbia Commission on the
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(2) (2006 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Establishment

This order re-establishes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, in the District of Columbia Government (hereinafter the "Commission").

2. Purpose

The Commission shall assist the Mayor on matters relating to the District's celebration of the annual public holiday commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrated on the third Monday in January each year.

3. Functions

The Commission shall:

- a. Make recommendations on activities to be sponsored by the District of Columbia government for the holiday and assist in the implementation of approved events;
- b. Encourage educational programs relating to the holiday designed to increase participation in the activities and commemorate Dr. King's legacy with a day of service; and
- c. Undertake such other duties as are assigned by the Mayor.

4. Composition

The Commission shall have a maximum of 13 members. Seven of the 13 shall be Government representatives from the following offices:

- a. Secretary of the District of Columbia
- b. Council of the District of Columbia
- c. Delegate to the House of Representatives

- d. District of Columbia Public Schools
- e. District of Columbia Public Library
- f. Serve DC
- g. DC Youth Advisory Council

The Mayor shall appoint up to six private citizens as Commission members. All members must be residents of the District of Columbia.

5. **Terms**

Members who are not government employees shall be appointed for terms of two years, ending in May of every other year. Members may serve until reappointed or replaced.

6. **Compensation** Members serve without compensation.

7. **Organization**

- a. The Secretary of the District of Columbia serves as Chair of the Commission, and shall appoint a Vice Chair to lead the Commission in the absence of the Chair. The Commission may elect such other officers as deemed necessary.
- b. The Chair may appoint subcommittees as needed, each chaired by a member of the Commission. Individuals who are not members of the Commission may be invited to serve on subcommittees.

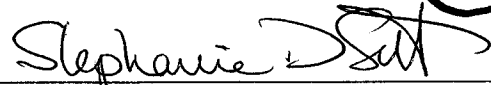
8. **Administration**

Primary administrative support for the Commission shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia. Other government agencies shall cooperate with the Commission and assist them in carrying out their responsibilities.

9. **Rescission** Mayor's Order 85-163, dated September 26, 1985 and Mayor's Order 2007-54 dated February 9, 2007 are rescinded.

10. **EFFECTIVE DATE** This order shall become effective immediately.


ADRIAN M. FENTY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

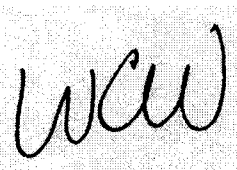
**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION



MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Wayne C. Witkowski
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DATE: December 4, 2007

SUBJECT: Review of Draft Mayor's Order Reestablishing the District of Columbia
Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
(AM-07-831) (MID 217099)

This memorandum responds to your November 29, 2007 request that this Office review the above-referenced Mayor's Order ("Order") for legal sufficiency.

The Order would reestablish the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission ("Commission") in the District of Columbia Government. The Order charges the Commission with assisting the Mayor on matters relating to the District's celebration on the annual public holiday commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. The Commission will have a maximum of 13 members, seven of whom shall be Government representatives; members will serve without compensation. The Secretary of the District of Columbia will serve as the Chair of the Commission and the Office of the Secretary will provide it with primary administrative support.

I have reviewed the Order and find it to be legally sufficient. I am attaching to this memorandum a revised Order that includes several minor, technical changes to the introductory paragraph. Please use this revised version. Also, please be sure to send the Order to Clifton Posey in the Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances to ensure proper formatting.

Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Jason Spitalnick in the Legal Counsel Division by telephone at 724-6528 or by email at jason.spitalnick@dc.gov, or me at 724-5524.

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